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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

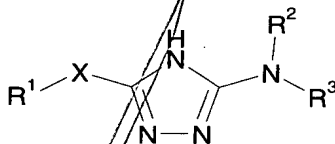
In the Specification:

Kindly add the Abstract enclosed herewith on a separate sheet, at the end.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof:



Formula (I)

wherein,

X is S or O;

R¹ is optionally substituted C₂₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl, C₃₋₆alkynyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl-C₀₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C₀₋₆alkyl or optionally substituted Ar-C₀₋₆alkyl, wherein Ar is an optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl group;

R² is optionally substituted C₂₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl, C₃₋₆alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar-C₀₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C₀₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl-C₀₋₆alkyl, provided that when R² is optionally substituted Het-C₀₋₆alkyl, and Het is indole, benzofuran,